

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 657 - HB 752

February 24, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by fine only, for the first time a foster parent from a kinship placement knowingly allows a child in their care to visit with the child's parent if there was a known current court order prohibiting the child's parent from visiting the child, and increases the violation to a Class B misdemeanor for every subsequent occurrence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 40-35-111(e), the fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$50, and the punishment for a Class B misdemeanor is up to six months in prison and a fine of \$500.
- According to information provided by the department, there are currently approximately 121 children who are in kinship foster care who have some visitation restriction in place against their parents.
- Any increase in caseloads can be handled within existing court resources.
- There will not be a sufficient increase in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any change in foster care procedures created by the proposed legislation can be handled within existing Department of Children's Services resources, and therefore will not result in a significant fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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